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Mr. Michael Perko  
Acting Director, Office of Legislative Affairs  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, Sw, Room 8-c445  
Washington, DC 20554-0001

Dear Director Perko,

Enclosed is information I received from Mike Redman regarding his broadcast equipment.

I appreciate your review of this matter. Please provide me with any relevant information so I may respond to Mike Redman. You may send your letter to Kari Emond in my Twin Falls Office at the address listed below.

If you have any questions, please contact Kari at 208-734-6780.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Very Truly Yours,



James E. Risch  
United States Senator

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Enclosure

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## Privacy Release Form

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Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Case Number (if applicable):

Regarding:

FCC regulation assigning 700 mhz spectrum  
to public safety and requiring private  
users (even with low-power equipment) to  
vacate the entire spectrum

See attached letter

\*Please feel free to attach additional information and documentation to support your case.

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1120 Sunburst Street  
Twin Falls, Idaho 83301  
June 15, 2010

Honorable James E. Risch  
United States Senate

Dear Senator Risch:

I recently contacted you by email about a problem our church is having with an FCC regulation we just learned of. I am the music director of Twin Falls First Baptist Church and over the last 3-5 years we purchased about \$7000 worth of wireless sound equipment for use in our church. A few days ago we learned that we must stop using it on June 30 of this year because the FCC has reassigned the 700 mHz spectrum to public safety.

This appears to be a taking of private property without compensation. We had no warning when we bought the equipment (it should have been banned from sale if this change was contemplated and I suspect this is not a new idea) and the equipment still works well for us. We cannot afford to replace it.

Our equipment uses only a portion of the spectrum but we have 1440 available frequencies that we can tune to. It is hard to imagine even in a city like New York that all of the available frequencies in that spectrum could be used by public safety agencies, but certainly in Twin Falls, Idaho, there is no issue of overlap. We could easily tune away from any frequency chosen or assigned locally to avoid interference. I can understand the FCC giving preference to public safety and requiring us to not interfere. I am outraged that we must get rid of our equipment entirely because public safety is going to use a tiny piece of the spectrum.

I have spoken with the city and they haven't decided if they are even going to switch to 700. The county intends to but does not know when that will occur since they don't have the money to buy necessary equipment.

The truth is we could ignore the whole thing (which most with this kind of low power equipment will do) and no one would be the wiser. The problem is, we think we should obey the law. But this law is killing fleas with a bazooka. Even if we were on a frequency assigned to the police, for example, we would not interfere with their transmissions. They would render our equipment unusable. Our equipment is designed to send a signal a matter of feet, theirs for miles. Obviously we are not going to interfere with them. Their signal would overpower ours.

All we would ask is to have permission to do what everyone else will be doing without asking: allow us to work with local public safety people to make sure we avoid any frequencies they will be using. There are thousands in the spectrum. We use nine or ten for less than 300 feet.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely



mike redman

First Baptist Church of Twin Falls

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